Federal Aid Project funded by your purchase of fishing equipment and motor boat fuels.

Minnesota State Parks and Trails-Rapid Grand Rapids
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The Minnesota DNR's State Parks and Trails-Fishing in Minnesota:
The Minnesota DNR's State Parks and Trails fishing recreation program provides approximately 1,650 boat accesses, over 365 fishing piers and shore fishing sites and manages 55 designated Water Trails in Minnesota. The DNR, Federal Government and local communities operate boat accesses. See the table on the right for specific site information. The DNR boating programs are funded by fees collected from boat license & gas tax related to marine use.

Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS)

Fishing Regulations and Licensing -All persons 16 and older are required to have the appropriate license with them when fishing. Licenses are available through the DNR License Bureau, most County Auditor's and many stores that sell fishing related goods. Trout fishing requires a trout stamp. For more information call the DNR Information Center at (855) 296-6157 or 1-888-MINNDNR (645-6136).

Selective Harvest Fishing - Improved technology and increased fish harvest have caused the quality of fishing to decline in many waters. Practicing "Selective Harvest" offers anglers an opportunity to take some fish home while releasing others back into the water to improve fishing quality. Here are some tips to use for effective Selective Harvest fishing:
1. Use barbless hooks
2. Play the fish quickly and handle the fish carefully
3. Leave the hook in the fish if it is too deep
4. Ease the fish back into the water, do not throw it back.

Working Together to Protect the Waters

Public Water Accesses in Kittson, Marshall and Roseau Counties

Public Water Access Rules - The launch area must be kept free from trash and other unneeded materials. The area must be free from illegal activities such as littering, camping, dumping, and consuming alcoholic beverages. See Minnesota Rules, chapter 62B8 for complete rules.

Safe Boating

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Lifecrafts - On all boats (except a sailboat) regardless of length there must be a readily accessible Coast Guard approved wearable life jacket for each person on board. In addition, on boats 16 feet or longer, except canoes and kayaks, one Coast Guard approved throwable device, such as a ring buoy or sea cushion.

Boating While Intoxicated - Boating while intoxicated is illegal. For persons found to be under the influence there are several serious penalties, including fines and possible jail sentences.

Personal Watercraft - Special laws apply including wearing a life jacket and operating at slow or no water speed at certain distances from other watercraft, swimmers and other objects in the water. Operator age restrictions also apply. Consult the Boating Guide for more information. A DNR safety video is available for free of charge.